

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

July 29, 2013

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Jeff Phillips
Commissioner Tiffany Phillips
Commissioner Doug Shafer
Commissioner Robert Stevens
Commissioner Matt Young
Commissioner Gary Farley, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess Tharrel Kast
Larry Farley Ken Honeycutt
Mike Nunley Randy White
Jeff Davidson Dan Goode
Michael Gregory Lynn Duke
Tim Hooker Robert Arnold
Randy Garrett Becky Shelton
Bernard Salandy

Chairman Farley presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with six members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner J. Phillips, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

CORRECTIONAL WORK CENTER REPORT:

Bernard Salandy presented the Correctional Work Center report for the use and information of the Committee advising the Correctional Work Center capacity is 250 but is running between 160 and 170. Superintendent Salandy advised he has talked with the Sheriff regarding transferring more inmates. The Committee was advised Superintendent Salandy was recently recognized as Jail Director of the Year for the State. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner T. Phillips, to approve the Correctional Work Center report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

OSHA REPORT:

Dan Goode presented the OSHA report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to approve the OSHA report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

JUVENILE DETENTION REPORT:

Lynn Duke presented the Juvenile Detention report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to approve the Juvenile Detention report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

DRUG COURT REPORT:

No report was presented at this time.

PAWS REPORT:

Michael Gregory presented the PAWS report for the use and information of the Committee advising LaVergne made no contribution to the PAWS budget this fiscal year but has had an increase in the number

of calls. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner Shafer, to approve the PAWS report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT:

Mike Nunley presented the Ambulance Service report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner T. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to approve the Ambulance Service report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

COUNTY FIRE/RESCUE REPORT:

Larry Farley presented the County Fire/Rescue report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner J. Phillips, to approve the County Fire/Rescue report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Chief Farley next advised the FEMA AFG grant for 2013 for staffing for adequate fire and emergency response was available and he was requesting permission to apply for twelve firefighters. This is a two year grant and at the end of two years the County is not required to continue funding the positions. If the grant is funded it will help retain volunteers. Chairman Farley advised it would also help to lower the ISO rating for the whole county. The current 5 rating is as low as the County can go without paid firefighters. CTAS has recommended the positions be 1 captain, 2 lieutenants, 3 drivers and 6 firefighters. Chief Farley advised he was working with HR on a pay plan. Chief Farley advised he applied for four firefighters under this grant last year and it was not awarded. He has been advised the grant will not be awarded for less than twelve firefighters.

Commissioner J. Phillips advised the chances of not funding the positions at the end of the grant are slim and he wanted information on what it will cost. Mayor Burgess advised it would be \$500,000 or more. Chief Farley again advised there was no requirement in the grant to keep the positions after the grant expires. Chief Farley advised he never knows how many people will be at a scene especially during the day. Chairman Farley advised the paid firefighters are needed in place as infrastructure and citizens are starting to demand it. Commissioner Young advised the County also needs to start providing equipment. Commissioner Stevens advised he too wanted information on the cost. Mayor Burgess advised the County will probably require a fire tax and will have to start replacing equipment. A decision on whether to accept the positions will have to be made in the 16/17 budget. A fire tax would only apply to unincorporated areas of the County. Mayor Burgess advised he was endorsing applying for the grant.

"Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner J. Phillips, to authorize applying for the grant at the recommendation of the Fire Chief. This motion was withdrawn."

"Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner J. Phillips, to authorize starting the process to apply for the AFG grant but not submit the application until approved by the Commission. Commissioners J. Phillips, Young and Farley voted "yes", T. Phillips and Shafer voted "no" and Commissioner Stevens abstained. Commissioner T. Phillips changed her vote to "yes" with the final vote being four "yes", one "no" and one abstaining."

Commissioner T. Phillips advised she did not like binding future Commissioners because she knew the positions would not be cut after two years. Additionally she lives in the County because she wants to and chose to live there. She could have lived in the city but chose to live in the county and take the risk of no fire protection.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY REPORT:

Tharrel Kast was introduced as the new EMA Director. Tim Hooker presented the Emergency Management Agency report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner T. Phillips, to approve the Emergency Management Agency report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

It was the consensus of the Committee if the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) comes in to take the same on to the Budget Committee.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Robert Arnold presented the Sheriff's Department report and first presented proposed budget amendments of \$40,518 from Account #122-34525 (Restricted for Public Safety) to Account #122-54150-718 (Motor Vehicles) and \$200,000 from Account #122-34525 (Restricted for Public Safety) to Account #122-54150-707 (Bldg Improvement). Following discussion,

"Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner Shafer, to approve the budget amendments of \$40,518 from Account #122-34525 (Restricted for Public Safety) to Account #122-54150-718 (Motor Vehicles) and \$200,000 from Account #122-34525 (Restricted for Public Safety) to Account #122-54150-707 (Bldg Improvement). This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

The Committee was next presented the line item report for its use and information. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Shafer moved, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to approve the line item report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Sheriff Arnold next presented information on a Jail Liability Seminar presented by CTAS on August 6 in Nashville and encouraged everyone to attend.

Sheriff Arnold next advised with his current computer system there is no ability to track any wheel tax information and he will be addressing the computer system in the near future. There are masses of people within city limits so cities write these citations and are handled in city courts. The Sheriff's Department usually do not write citations until the tags are more than sixty days expired and is at the officer's discretion. Commissioner Young ask if the SRO's could watch the school parking lots. Chairman Farley advised the schools are supposed to check registration before allowing students to register for school.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND JOINING THE NATIONWIDE MOVEMENT TO NOT TEXT AND DRIVE:

Chairman Farley next presented a proposed Resolution supporting and joining the nationwide movement to not text and drive. Following discussion,

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner T. Phillips, to approve the Resolution as presented supporting and joining the nationwide movement to not text and drive. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Farley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

GARY FARLEY, Chairman